

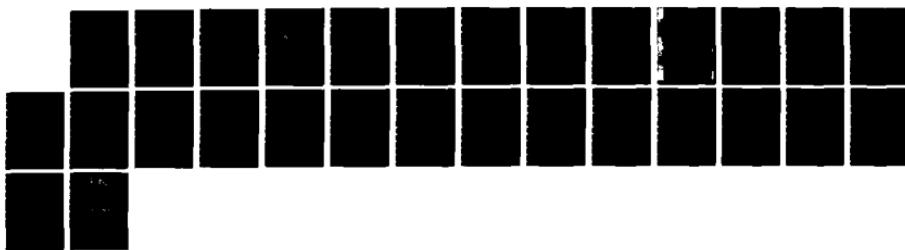
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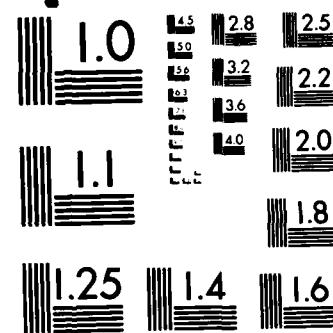
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Table 1 Summary of proposed models for desorption

MODEL	EXCITATION LEVEL	EXCITED STATE	DESORPTION YIELD <sup>a</sup>	APPLICABILITY
MENZEL-GOMER-REDHEAD (MGR)	valence	nhneb	$X^+, X^*$	gas phase dissociation <sup>b</sup> ESD and PSD
ANTONIEWICZ bounce (AB)	valence	1h, 1h1e <sup>c</sup>	$X^+, X^*$	physisorbed gases
KNOTEK-FEIBELMANN (KF)	core	2h	$X^+$	ionic, maximal valency systems
Auger stimulated desorption (ASD)	core	2h, 2h1e	$X^+, X^*$	covalent and ionic systems, adsorbates
Many particle CI valence <sup>d</sup> (MPCI) excitations	valence	2h, 2h1e	$X^+, X^*$	covalent systems, adsorbates
Dissociative attachment (DA)	valence	1h2e	$X^+, X^-$	covalent and ionic systems, adsorbates
e- attachmt. reson. Auger stimultd. desorpt. (RASD)	core	2h2e	$X^+, X^-$	covalent and ionic systems, adsorbates

<sup>a</sup>During the modification process (step 3),  $X^+$  can always result from  $X^+$  via reneutralization.

<sup>b</sup>The final state of the MGR model can be broadly defined as nhne, although sometimes it has been associated with just 1h1e. In the 1h1e case, the MGR mechanism is closely related to the dominant gas phase dissociation mechanism, and it is used in this context in this work. It is applicable to desorption in its broader context. The more specific mechanism, such as those listed below, then provide more insight.

<sup>c</sup>The essence of the AB model involves the initial trajectory of the ion toward the surface where the ion is neutralized (the ANTONIEWICZ "bounce"). Thus the final state could be broadly defined as nhne, although it is often assumed to be 1h1e.

<sup>d</sup>Many particle CI excitations also occur at core levels, but an Auger process usually occurs prior to the desorption (leaving a 3h1e or 3h2e final state) so that it is included in the ASD model.

ionic desorption mechanisms in Table 1 and are discussed in more detail in this review.

The stimulated desorption process can be described approximately as a sequence of three steps [11, 2]:

1. a fast initial electronic excitation ( $10^{-16}$  sec);
2. decay of the excited state by displacement of the atomic positions but in competition with other electronic decay mechanisms, which redistribute the electronic energy ( $10^{-15}$  -  $10^{-14}$  sec);
3. a modification (e.g., energy, charge state, etc) of the desorbing species as it recedes from the surface ( $10^{-14}$  -  $10^{-13}$  sec).

Our knowledge of desorption processes is based, in large part, on examination of the desorbed species: their identities, angular and energy distributions, charge states, and electronic and vibrational energy distributions. All of these quantities can provide clues to the desorption mechanisms, but modifications of the desorbing species (step 3) can obscure the interpretation of the interesting dynamics that occur in step 2.

Most helpful to an elucidation of step 2 has been the careful comparison of PSD spectral data with photoelectron CIS (constant initial state) data or photoabsorption data. This comparison provides insight into the dynamics of step 2 by revealing which initial states eventually result in desorption, and which do not [4,5]. In this context, the possible competitive decay mechanisms are noted, such as Auger decay, autoionization, resonant photoemission, hole delocalization, etc [4,5]. The resultant intermediate excited states can be categorized by the number of "particles" involved, such as one-hole (1h), two-holes (2h), or two-holes plus one-electron (2hle); indeed the proposed mechanisms to be summarized below can best be described and differentiated in this context [12]. It is important to emphasize that these decay mechanisms are occurring in competition with the atom displacement. Furthermore, only those decay processes which occur within the critical time,  $t_c$ , during which the receding atom can still be trapped (i.e., which occur when the atom is within a critical internuclear distance,  $R_c$ , where reneutralization and recapture is highly probable) can alter the total desorption cross-section [13]. The processes occurring after  $t_c$  are included in step 3. Since generally, the distance  $R_c$  is only slightly greater than the equilibrium internuclear distance or bond length, one can discuss the decay mechanisms in terms of states appropriate for the equilibrium atom configurations, and hence they can be probed by normal spectroscopic techniques. A summary of these models is given in Table 1.

The first five of the desorption models listed in Table 1 have been discussed in detail in previous review articles [1-3] so that they will be only briefly described here. The MGR and AB models are not specific as to the exact electronic nature of the excited state, although it is often assumed to be a 1hle state [2]. The essence of the MGR model is simply that the excited state is repulsive and competition arises between escape and recapture [13]. On the other hand, in the AB model, the excited state is attractive providing for a bounce off the surface during which the ion may be neutralized [14]. The AB model appears to be active for physisorbed systems, in particular Xe or Kr/W [15] and  $N_2O/Ru$  [6]. The KF model assumes an interatomic Auger decay of a core excitation followed by desorption in a 2h state due to the reversed Madelung potential [16]. The interatomic Auger decay requires a maximal valency ionic system. The ASD model assumes an intraatomic Auger decay of a core hole state followed by desorption via a localized 2h state. Critical to the ASD model is the localization of the 2h state, a condition necessary to provide the Coulomb repulsion for expulsion of the ion [17]. According to configuration interaction theory, localization of the holes in covalent systems results only when the effective hole-hole repulsion  $U^e$  is greater than the appropriate covalent interaction  $V$  (i.e.  $U^e > V$ ) [18,19]. For highly ionic systems, the KF and ASD

mechanisms become indistinguishable; thus one could consider the ASD mechanism as a generalization or extension of the KF mechanism to covalent systems [2]. The MBCI model includes a valence ionization plus shakeup or shakeoff producing a 2hle or 2h state which is repulsive [4,5]. The repulsive nature of this state may result from the occupation of an antibonding orbital (i.e. the 1e part) or from the emptying of a bonding orbital (i.e. the 2h part). In any event, the many particle 2hle or 2h state must be long lived.

## 2. Dissociation of $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$

A comparison of the  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{OH}^+$  PSD spectrum with the  $\text{H}_\beta$  and  $\text{OH}(\text{A}^2\Sigma^+)$  ESD spectrum is shown in Fig. 1c. The use of the acronyms PSD and ESD is appropriate for desorption from the solid. More appropriate for the gas phase are the terms photodissociation and electron-ion coincidence spectra, but we shall continue to refer to them as PSD and ESD for convenience (actually, in this case PSD and ESD could refer to photon and electron stimulated dissociation). The excited neutral yields  $\text{H}_\beta$  and  $\text{OH}(\text{A}^2\Sigma^+)$  refer to the fluorescence yield of the transition  $\text{H}(\text{n}=4 \rightarrow 2)$  and  $(\text{A}^2\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \text{X}^2\Pi)$  respectively as measured by BEENAKKER et al. [20]. The  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{OH}^+$  PSD yields were actually obtained from (e,e+ion) coincidence data reported by TAN et al. [21], but these coincidence data are known to mimic photon excitation.

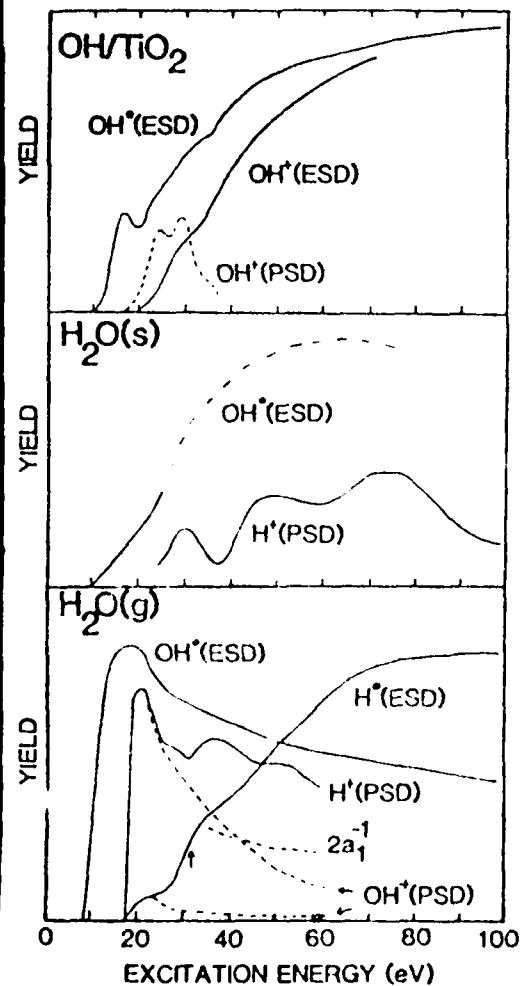


Fig. 1: a) Comparison of the ESD  $\text{OH}^*$  fluorescence yield ( $\text{A}^2\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \text{X}^2\Pi$ ) [8], ESD  $\text{OH}^+$  ion yield [35], and PSD  $\text{OH}^+$  yield [34] from  $\text{OH}/\text{TiO}_2$ . b) Comparison of the ESD  $\text{OH}^*$  fluorescence yield ( $\text{A}^2\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \text{X}^2\Pi$ ) [29] and PSD  $\text{H}^+$  yield [28] from ice. c) Comparison of the ESD  $\text{H}^*$  fluorescence yield ( $\text{H}_\beta, \text{n}=4 \rightarrow 2$ ) [20], the ESD  $\text{OH}^*$  fluorescence yield ( $\text{A}^2\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \text{X}^2\Pi$ ) [20], the PSD  $\text{H}^+$  ion yield [21], and the PSD  $\text{OH}^+$  yield [21] from gas phase  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Also shown is the  $2\text{a}_1^-$  partial cross-section [21]. The  $\text{OH}^*(\text{PSD})$ , which follows the  $1\text{b}_1^-$  partial cross-section [21], has been normalized to the  $\text{H}^*(\text{PSD})$  and  $\text{H}^*(\text{ESD})$  yields at 23 eV. The vertical arrow marks the  $2\text{a}_1^-$  threshold.

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Careful comparison of the ESD  $H_B$  yield with the PSD  $H^+$  yield reveals that the two yields have contributions with similar spectral lineshapes, but with widely different relative intensities. This is somewhat surprising at first since the excitation cross-section of an excited state is expected to be different under electron versus photon excitation. This similarity in lineshape is understandable when one realizes that the  $H^+$  yield comes from photoionization whereas the  $H_B$  yield comes from a comparable electron impact excitation into the 4sp Rydberg state [20,22,23]. Thus the 1h, 2h, and 2hle contributions to the PSD  $H^+$  yield correspond to the 1hR, 2hR, and 2hleR excitations (R=Rydberg) in the ESD  $H_B$  yield [10]. The reduced size of the 1hR  $H_B$  contributions compared to the 1h  $H^+$ , and increased size of the 2hR  $H_B$  contribution compared to the 2h  $H^+$ , may result from either different relative cross-sections and/or different branching ratios for the dissociation processes.

The ESD  $OH^*$  yield, as exhibited from the  $A^2\Sigma^+ - X^2\Pi$  fluorescence yield, has a spectral lineshape similar to the  $1b_2^{-1}$  photoionization cross-section, suggesting that the  $OH^*$  yield also arises from an electron impact excitation. Detailed polarization dependent studies [24], theoretical studies [25], and product vibrational analysis [26] clearly identify the  $OH^*$  yield as resulting from the  $3a_1 \rightarrow 4a_1$  electronic excitation (i.e., the MGR mechanism).

### 3. Desorption from $H_2O(s)$

The PSD  $H^+$  yield from ice shown in Fig. 1b has been previously reported [27,28] and interpreted [4]. The 2hle contributions around 21-35eV and the 2h contributions above 35eV remain. The  $1b_2^{-1}$  and  $2a_1^{-1}$  1h contributions disappear, the former because the  $1b_2^{-1}$  state delocalizes before the very slow predissociation process has time to occur, the latter presumably because hydrogen

bonding in ice broadens all  $a_1$  bands, allowing for fast delocalization of the  $3a_1^{-2} 4a_1$  excitation and other repulsive 2hle excitations involving the  $a_1$  orbitals [4].

Although  $H^*$  desorption from ice upon electron excitation is believed to have been observed, its spectral lineshape has not been reported in the literature [10,29]. The ESD  $OH^*$  yield from ice has been reported from 0 to 25eV as shown in Fig. 1b [29]. Above 25eV, PRINCE et al. [29] describe the spectrum qualitatively without reporting it, thus the dashed line in Fig. 1b is only qualitative.

Comparison of the  $OH^*$  yield from  $H_2O(g)$  and  $H_2O(s)$  reveals a similar threshold, but with a significantly different spectral lineshape. Since a comparison of the  $H_2O(g)$  and  $H_2O(s)$  absorption spectra reveal similar  $3a_1-4a_1$  excitations [30], the much slower rise in the  $OH^*$  yield from ice in Fig. 1b suggests that the  $3a_1^{-1} 4a_1$  state is not sufficient to produce  $OH^*$  desorption from ice, probably because this 1hle state is not sufficiently long lived (i.e., the MGR mechanism is not active in the condensed phase). The common threshold however suggests that the  $OH^*$  yield results primarily from a 1hle  $4a_1$  resonant dissociative attachment process (i.e., the DA mechanism listed in Table 1). This many-particle 1h2e type state, similar to that found previously for the 2hle type state, is expected to remain localized longer than the comparable 1hle type state, and thus could be active in the desorption process. This type of resonant process also occurs in gas phase molecules but only contributes to the sharp turn on at threshold [31,32]. In the solid, backscattered and secondary electrons coming from the bulk at all energies lower than the primary energy, may resonantly excite this at all primary energies and make it appear non-resonant. More quantitative data in the future will allow this hypothesis to be tested utilizing a deconvolution procedure [33] which will be summarized below for  $OH/TiO_2$ . Stronger conclusions concerning neutral desorption from ice must therefore await further experimental data.

#### 4. Desorption from $OH/TiO_2$

The  $OH^+(PSD)$ ,  $OH^+(ESD)$ , and  $OH^*(ESD)$  spectra from  $OH/TiO_2$  are compared in Fig. 1a. The  $OH^+(PSD)$  spectrum above 35eV is not available, but below 35eV [34] it clearly reveals that the yield from 20-35eV arises from similar 2hle excitations as described above for dissociation of  $H_2O(g)$ , and as explained by the MPCl model. The initial threshold around 20eV in the  $OH^+(ESD)$  [35] is believed to have the same origin.

Similar intramolecular MPCl contributions to the  $H^+(PSD)$  yield from  $OH/Ti$  (as well as  $OH/Cr$  and  $Cu$ ) have also been reported [28]. However, in the case of these metallic substrates, negligible amounts of  $OH^+$  were seen. Thus from  $OH/TiO_2$ ,  $OH^+$  and  $H^+$  ions are desorbed, from  $OH/Ti$ ,  $Cr$ , or  $Cu$  essentially only  $H^+$  ions are desorbed. This difference between the metallic substrates and the semiconducting  $TiO_2$  substrate probably reflects the increased rate of reneutralization and/or increased rate of delocalization of the 2hle excited states localized in the Ti-O bonds at the metal surface. The  $H^+$  yield from  $OH/Ti$  is not eliminated, perhaps

because in this case the 2hle states are more localized on the O-H bond where the metal substrate has a reduced effect.

Above ~32eV, an additional contribution appears in the OH<sup>+</sup>(ESD) yield [35]. Initially, it was unclear whether this was due to the 2a<sub>1</sub><sup>-1</sup> intramolecular OH excitation (actually for OH this should be 2σ<sup>-1</sup> but we shall continue to refer to it as 2a<sub>1</sub><sup>-1</sup> appropriate for H<sub>2</sub>O) or due to the Ti 3p<sup>-1</sup> excitation [36,4]. Again the PSD work on OH/Ti, Cr, and Cu is helpful here, since it reveals H<sup>+</sup> contributions from the metal 3p<sup>-1</sup> excitations for Cr and Cu, with no contribution from the 2a<sub>1</sub><sup>-1</sup> excitations for Cr and Cu [28]. Thus the 32eV threshold in Fig. 1a has been assigned to the Ti 3p<sup>-1</sup> excitation and attributed to the ASD mechanism [10].

The OH<sup>\*</sup> (in particular the OH<sup>\*(3a<sub>1</sub><sup>-1</sup> 4a<sub>1</sub>)) yield [8] definitely has a lower threshold than OH<sup>+</sup>, indeed it agrees with the threshold for OH<sup>\*</sup> from H<sub>2</sub>O(s) and H<sub>2</sub>O(g). Consistent with the above interpretation for H<sub>2</sub>O(s), it would appear that at least the initial peak around 17eV arises from the DA mechanism. On the other hand, the similarity of the OH<sup>\*</sup> yield with the OH<sup>+</sup>(ESD) yield above 35eV suggests the Ti 3p<sup>-1</sup> ASD mechanism is also active.</sup>

The quantitative interpretation of the OH<sup>\*</sup> yield requires three steps, all of which have been performed previously:

1. the extent of the OH<sup>\*</sup> yield arising from backscattered and secondary electrons was quantitatively determined [33];
2. the resonant contributions (i.e., the DA and RASD contributions) were separated from the MPCI and ASD contributions [10,33]; and
3. the spectral lineshapes of the 3a<sub>1</sub><sup>-1</sup> and Ti 3p<sup>-1</sup> excitations were determined and compared with the OH<sup>\*</sup> yield [10].

Step 1 was accomplished by measuring the loss spectrum L(E<sub>p</sub>, ε) at several primary energies E<sub>p</sub>. The secondary, SEC(E<sub>p</sub>, ε), and redistributed primary, RP(E<sub>p</sub>, ε) loss contributions were then separated out, and the total yield spectrum measured in order to determine A(E<sub>p</sub>) and B(E<sub>p</sub>) such that,

$$L(E_p, \epsilon) = A(E_p) SEC(E_p, \epsilon) + B(E_p) RP(E_p, \epsilon) + ES(E_p), \quad (1)$$

where ES(E<sub>p</sub>) is the elastically scattered peak [33]. The experimental, N(E), and "true", N<sub>t</sub>(E), yields are then related by the expression,

$$N(E) = \int L(E_p, \epsilon) N_t(\epsilon) d\epsilon, \quad (2)$$

and are given in Fig. 2. Figure 2 shows that about one-third of the yield above 75eV arises from backscattered and secondary electrons, but equally important, it also shows that the major contribution arises from a direct excitation process.

Step 2 above was accomplished by assuming that the total non-resonant ASD and MPCI contributions to OH<sup>\*</sup> have the same spectral lineshape as the OH<sup>+</sup> yield [10]. This is expected to be true if the OH<sup>\*</sup> yield arises from either reneutralization of the desorbing OH<sup>+</sup>, or more likely if it arises directly via the 2hle excited states within the ASD mechanism. The resonant-nonresonant separation is shown in Fig. 3, where the OH<sup>+</sup> yield was normalized so

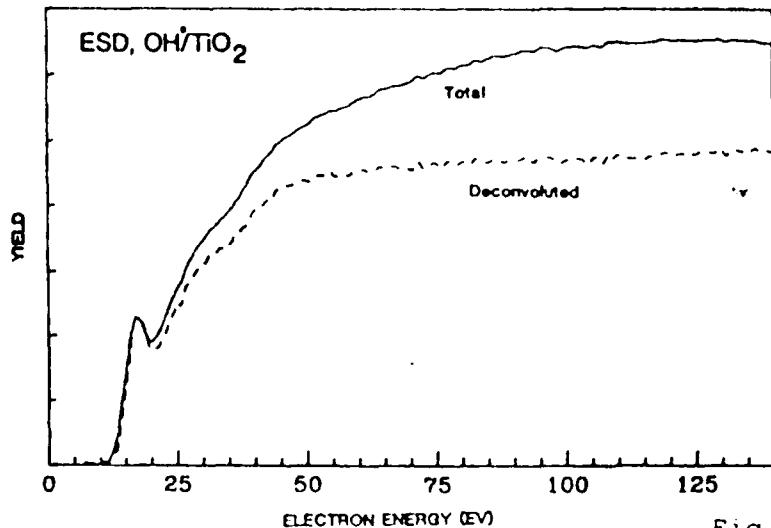


Fig. 2. Comparison of the measured ESD  $\text{OH}^*$  yield from  $\text{OH}/\text{TiO}_2$  with the deconvoluted  $\text{OH}^*$  yield [33].

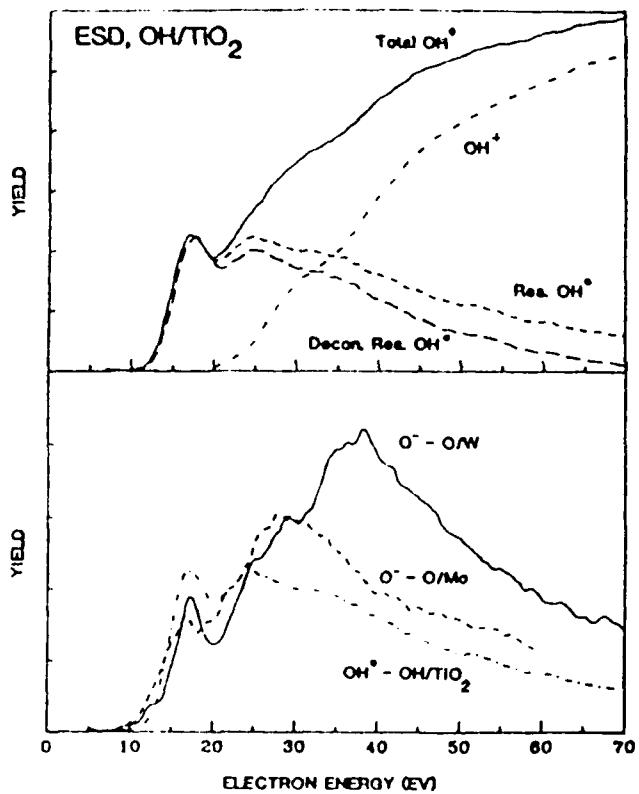


Fig. 3. Top: Comparison of the ESD  $\text{OH}^*$  yield [8] from  $\text{OH}/\text{TiO}_2$  with the  $\text{OH}^+$  yield [34]. The resonant  $\text{OH}^*$  yield, as obtained by subtraction of the above two curves, and the deconvoluted resonant  $\text{OH}^*$  are also shown [33]. Bottom: Comparison of ESD  $\text{O}^-$  yield from  $\text{O}/\text{W}$  and  $\text{O}/\text{Mo}$  [9] with the resonant  $\text{OH}^*$  yield from above.

that the deconvoluted resonant  $\text{OH}^*$  yield went to zero at higher energies.

Finally, estimates of the spectral lineshapes for the  $3\text{d}_{1/2}$  and  $\text{Ti} 3\text{p}_{-1}$  excitations (i.e., step 3) can be obtained from CIS or EELS (electron energy loss) data. The  $3\text{d}_{1/2}$  partial cross-section has been assumed to be similar to the O K EELS spectrum [37] from  $\text{TiO}_2$  as shown in Fig. 4. It shows two main features assigned to the  $3\text{d}^*$  and  $\nu^*$  valence antibonding orbitals in the continuum [38]. Figure 4 shows an estimated separation into the resonant and nonresonant continuum contributions [10]. The DA contribution to the  $\text{OH}^*$  yield can then be estimated by the self-fold of the

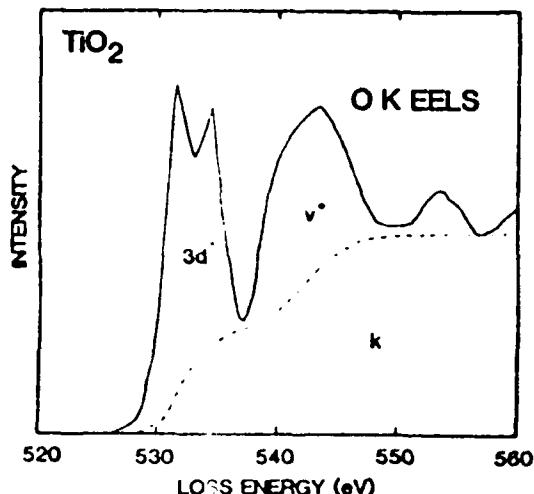


Fig. 4. The O K EELS spectrum [37] from  $\text{TiO}_2$  with the  $3d^*$  and  $v^*$  resonant and the  $k$  non-resonant contributions indicated. The  $k$  contribution was estimated graphically by the SHIRLEY method [47] and includes all multiple scattering contributions.

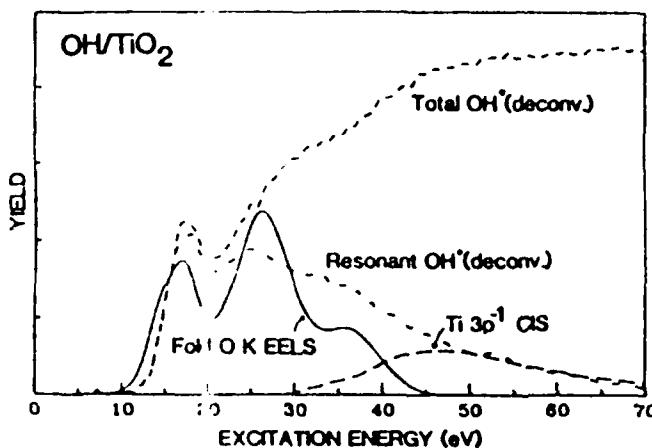


Fig. 5. Comparison of the total deconvoluted  $\text{OH}^*(\text{A}^2\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \text{X}^2\Pi)$  yield and the resonant portion of the experimental  $\text{OH}^*$  yield from  $\text{OH}/\text{TiO}_2$  [33]. Also shown is the self-fold of the resonant portion of the O K EELS spectrum from Fig. 4 representing the DA contribution, and the  $\text{Ti}^1 3p-1$  CIS spectrum [10] representing the RASD contribution. The fold of the O K EELS has been positioned for best alignment with the peaks in the  $\text{OH}^*$  yield.

resonant portion of the O K EELS spectrum representing excitation into the  $3a_1^{-1} 3d^{*2}$ ,  $3a_1^{-1} 3d^* v^*$ , and  $3a_1^{-1} v^{*2}$  (1h2e type) states which lead to desorption. This is compared in Fig. 5 with the resonant  $\text{OH}^*$  yield.

The  $3p^{-1} 3d^* 4a_1$  RASD contribution is approximated in Fig. 5 by the  $\text{Ti}^1 3p-1$  CIS spectrum [36]. The  $3p^{-1}$  spectrum is dominated by the  $3p^{-1} 3d^*$  excitation, and is known to be very atomic-like due to the large  $3p$ - $3d$  exchange interaction [39]. Because of this atomic-like nature, and because the  $4a_1$  valence-like orbital is localized more on the OH absorbate, the  $3p^{-1} 3d^* 4a_1$  excitation is best represented in this case by the straight  $3p^{-1}$  CIS spectrum rather than by the self-fold.

The relative magnitudes of the empirical DA and RASD contributions are obtained from the best overall visual fit to the experimental resonant  $\text{OH}^*$  yield. The excellent fit lends strong support for this interpretive scheme.

Both the DA and RASD mechanisms involve electron attachment resulting in two electrons bound in an antibonding orbital. The DA mechanism involves a valence excitation, generally from a bonding orbital. The small overlap between the bonding and antibond-

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ing orbitals allows only a small Auger autoionization decay rate and provides for  $1h2e$  state lifetimes of the order  $10^{-10}$ - $10^{-13}$  sec. in gas phase molecules [32] and similar surprisingly long lifetimes in semiconductors [40]. These states are sufficiently long lived to initiate desorption. They are in contrast to the very short lifetimes ( $10^{-15}$ - $10^{-16}$  sec.) observed recently for electron attachment into  $1e$  type shaped resonances in molecular adsorbates on metals [41], which will not initiate desorption. Electron attachment involving excitation from the core orbitals allows for a much faster Auger decay rate, indeed in the Ti 3p case, a very fast super Coster Kronig decay results in a  $2h2e$  type state, if the two electrons remain as a spectator to the Auger decay, as well as  $1h1e$  and  $0h0e$  states (i.e., return to the ground state), if one or both excited electrons are involved in the Auger decay [39]. Of these, the  $2h2e$  type states are sufficiently localized and can result in desorption as described by the RASD mechanism. The relative branching ratios for these various decay processes can be critical to determining the relative magnitudes of the DA, RASD, and ASD processes [42]. The repulsive nature of the  $1h2e$  or  $2h2e$  excited states results from both parts of these excitations (i.e., one or two holes in a bonding orbital and 2 electrons in an antibonding orbital). The many particle nature of these  $1h2e$  states apparently slows the delocalization process in the solid similar to the way it does for the  $2h1e$  and  $2h$  states.

### 5. Desorption from O/W and Mo

A comparison of the resonant  $OH^*$  yield from  $OH/TiO_2$  with the total  $O^-$  yield from O/W and O/Mo is shown in Fig. 3. All three spectra show an initial peak around 17eV, a second feature around 22-27eV, a third feature around 33-40eV, and a similar decreasing slope up to 70eV. The np ( $n=3$ , 4, and 5 for Ti, Mo, and W respectively) core level in all three metals is around 35eV, and the conduction band density of states (e.g., the O K EELS spectra) is reasonably similar for these transition metal oxides. The similarity of the total  $O^-$  yield with the resonant  $OH^*$  yield suggests that the  $O^-$  yield arises primarily from the resonant DA and RASD processes, which yield  $1h2e$  or  $2h2e$  excited states respectively, while the  $OH^*$  yield may occur from  $1h2e$ ,  $2h2e$ , and  $2h1e$  excited states, the latter which may result from the non-resonant ASD process.

It was indicated above that the RASD mechanism is active in  $O^-$  desorption (and maybe also  $O$  neutrals), but it is doubtful that it is active in  $O^+$  desorption. One way to test this is to compare the derivative of the  $O^+$ (ESD) yield with the  $O^+$ (PSD) yield. Electron attachment can of course occur only in ESD. To first order the ESD spectral lineshape can be approximated by the self-fold of the PSD lineshape [10],

$$ESD(E) = \int PSD(E-\epsilon) PSD(\epsilon) d\epsilon = PSD \times PSD. \quad (3)$$

The PSD spectral lineshape includes terms resulting from excitation into antibonding resonances ( $v^*$ ) and into the continuum ( $k$ ) as shown in Fig. 4, thus;

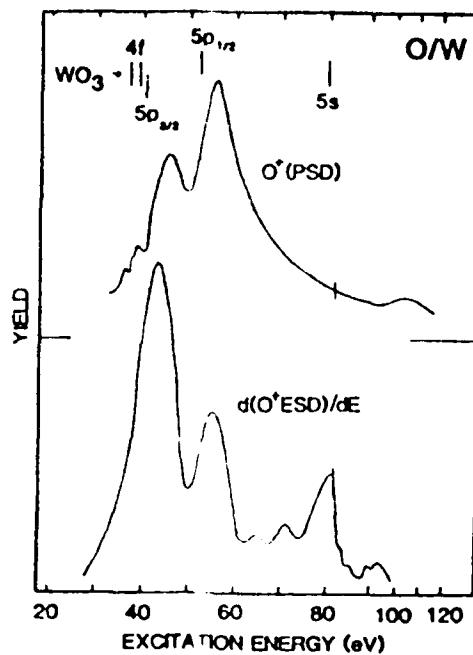


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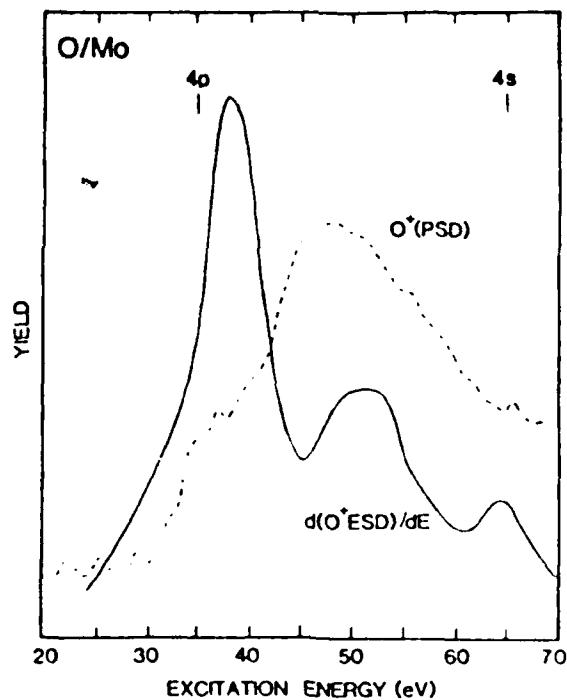


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and it follows that

$$ESD(E) = v^* \times v^* + 2v^* \times k + k \times k. \quad (5)$$

As shown in Fig. 4, the continuum contribution is relatively slowly varying with energy  $E$  (except near threshold) so that,

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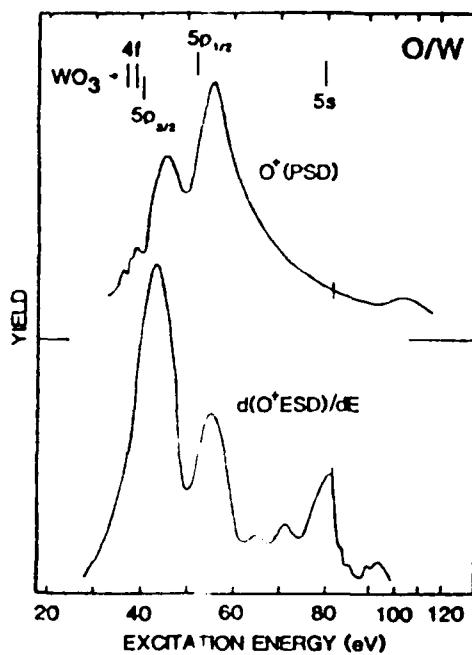


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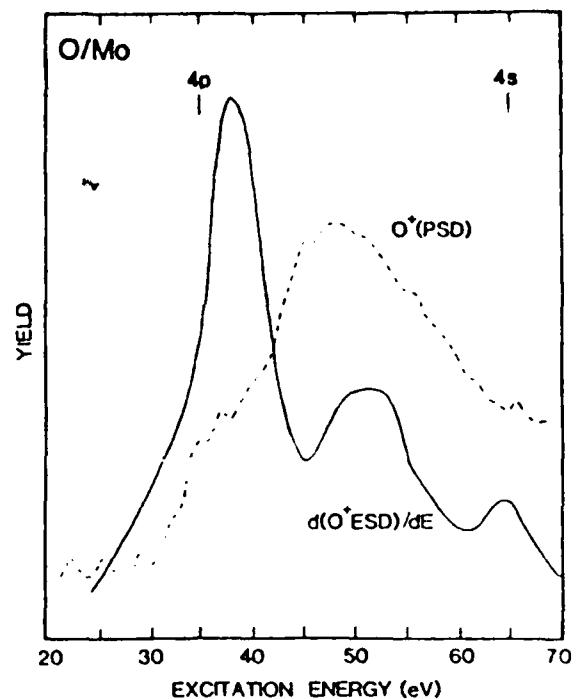


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H <sub>2</sub> O(s)	Not obs.	DA <sup>a</sup>	MBCI <sup>a</sup>	MBCI
OH/TiO <sub>2</sub>	MBCI & ASD	DA, RASD, MBCI & ASD	Not obs.	MBCI & ASD
		O <sup>-</sup> (ESD)	O <sup>+</sup> (ESD)	O <sup>+</sup> (PSD)
O/M		DA & RASD	ASD	ASD

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5. Apparently X<sup>-</sup> desorption can result from 1h2e and 2h2e states, X<sup>\*</sup> from 1h2e, 2h2e, and 2h1e states, and X<sup>+</sup> from 2h1e and 2h

states. Thus as one might intuitively expect,  $X^-$  generally results from neutral and negatively charged states,  $X^*$  from neutral and singly ionized states, and  $X^+$  from singly or doubly ionized states.

6. Several different mechanisms are responsible for desorption of  $X^-$ ,  $X^*$ , and  $X^+$  from the surface as reviewed in Tables 1 and 2. This study indicates that  $X^-$  desorption is an excellent area for study for three reasons: 1)  $X^-$  desorption yields appear to be dominated by resonant ESD processes, thus  $X^-$  yields are easier to interpret quantitatively than non-resonant ESD  $X^+$  yields; 2) ESD  $X^-$  yields are about as straightforward as PSD  $X^+$  yields, but they do not require use of a synchrotron for measurement; 3)  $X^*$  yields appear to have contributions from resonant and nonresonant mechanisms making them more complex to interpret, and  $X^*$  and  $X^+$  are difficult to observe experimentally.

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